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SUBJECT: FIFTEEN NON-AFGHAN MUSLIM VOLUNTEERS DIE  
IN AFGHAN JEHAD

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2. SUMMARY: IN THE MAY JAJI BATTLE IN PAKTIA PROVINCE  
FIFTEEN "INTERNATIONAL MUSLIMS," INCLUDING FIVE FROM  
SAUDI ARABIA, DIED ALONGSIDE THE AFGHAN MUJAHEDIN. THESE  
MOSTLY ARAB VOLUNTEERS ARE AFFILIATED WITH PROFESSOR  
ABDUL RASHID SAYYAF'S PARTY, ITTIHAD-YE ISLAMI BARAYE  
AZADI-YE AFGHANISTAN (ISLAMIC ALLIANCE FOR THE FREEDOM  
OF AFGHANISTAN). THEY ARE REPORTEDLY MEMBERS OF THE  
MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD. END SUMMARY.

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3. [REDACTED] ON JUNE 20 INTERNATIONAL  
MUSLIM PARTICIPATION IN SAYYAF'S AFGHAN RESISTANCE PARTY  
ITTEHAD. HE SAID THAT ITTEHAD HAS MANY ARAB VOLUNTEERS  
WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD. AL-RUNYAN'S  
CURRENT ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHER IS ALGERIAN. HE SAID.

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4. [REDACTED] DURING THE JAJI BATTLE IN MAY,  
IN WHICH SAYYAF SAID HE LOST 55 AFGHANS, 15 INTERNATIONAL  
MUSLIMS ALSO DIED. "MOSTLY IN HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT,"  
INCLUDING FIVE FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND ONE EACH FROM  
TUNISIA, LIBYA, AND EGYPT. A VERSION OF THIS STORY WAS  
PICKED UP BY AGENCY FRANCE PRESS AFTER IT APPEARED IN  
THE SAUDI PRESS AND WAS FRONT-PAGED IN THE PAKISTAN  
ENGLISH DAILY "THE MUSLIM." [REDACTED] STORY WAS  
MISTAKENLY RELEASED BY A SAYYAF ASSOCIATE NOT AUTHORIZED  
TO SPEAK TO THE PRESS. [REDACTED] TREPIDATION  
THAT THE GOP WOULD BE UNHAPPY WITH THE RELEASE OF THIS  
STORY AND THAT THE USSR WOULD USE IT FOR PROPAGANDA. HE  
ALSO ADDED THAT ITTEHAD HAS "MANY" VOLUNTEERS FROM SYRIA.

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5. [REDACTED] SAUDI ARABIA RECENTLY ESTABLISHED  
A NEW LAW THAT ANY MALE UNDER 18 CANNOT LEAVE THE COUNTRY  
WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND HIS  
PARENTS. HE SAID THAT ITTEHAD HAS SAUDI VOLUNTEERS AS  
YOUNG AS 16 AND THAT AGE SHOULD NOT MATTER IF THE BOYS  
WANT TO FIGHT THE COMMUNISTS. HE SPECULATED THAT SAUDI  
ARABIA IMPOSED THIS NEW TRAVEL RESTRICTION BECAUSE IT  
DOES NOT WANT TO OFFEND THE SOVIET UNION WITH SAUDI BOYS  
FLOCKING TO FIGHT IN AFGHANISTAN.

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6. COMMENT: NOT ONLY HAS THE NUMBER OF ARAB VOLUNTEERS  
FIGHTING WITH THE MUJAHEDIN SEEMINGLY INCREASED RECENTLY,  
BUT THE NUMBER AND PUBLIC VISIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL  
MUSLIM REBELS IN AFGHANISTAN HAS  
ALSO INCREASED.

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